

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 609

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Edward Rupert "Eddie"
Cox of Union City.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Edward Rupert "Eddie" Cox, on December 28, 2002; a prominent retired businessman and civic activist; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Cox was an exemplary member of his community and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, born January 5, 1924, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri, to the late Edward Rupert Cox, Sr. and Lora Jane Jones Cox, he served his country with great valor as a United States Marine in both World War II and the Korean Conflict; and

WHEREAS, following his military service, Mr. Cox became the owner and operator of fuel supply for Cox Oil Company, earning the respect of his peers and clients alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Eddie Cox was an active and devout member of the Union City United Methodist Church, which he served faithfully as choir member for more than forty years and as

a member of the Character Builders Sunday School Class; he was also an active member of the Union City Kiwanis Club, which had honored him as Kiwanian of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; he enjoyed the loving companionship of the former Maxine "Mickey" Ford, whom he married on November 15, 1942; and

WHEREAS, Eddie and Mickey Cox were the proud parents of daughter, Jayne Ann Higginbotham, and son and daughter-in-law, Mike Edward and Beth Cox; they were the doting grandparents of Jennifer, David, and Peyton Cox; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cox leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this beloved citizen of his community and state, a valiant veteran, and an exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Edward Rupert "Eddie" Cox, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to his widow, Mickey Cox, and their family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.